

Two systems are said to be **analogous** to each other if the following two conditions are satisfied.

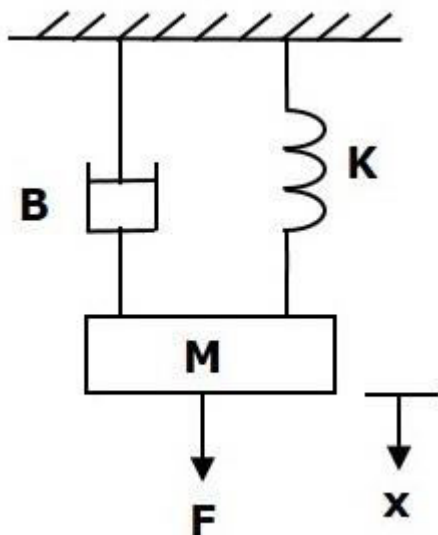
- The two systems are physically different
- Differential equation modelling of these two systems are same

Electrical systems and mechanical systems are two physically different systems. There are two types of electrical analogies of translational mechanical systems. Those are force voltage analogy and force current analogy.

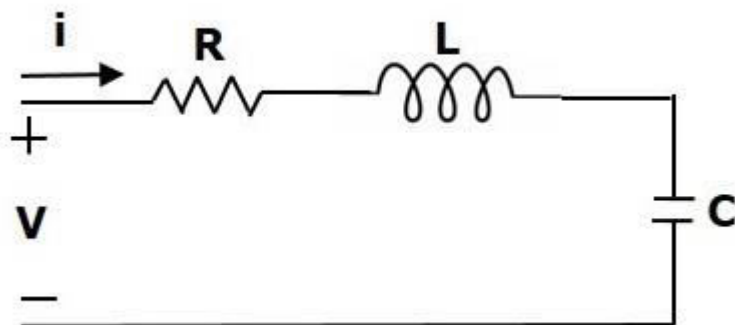
Force Voltage Analogy

In force voltage analogy, the mathematical equations of **translational mechanical system** are compared with mesh equations of the electrical system.

Consider the following translational mechanical system as shown in the following figure.



Consider the following electrical system as shown in the following figure. This circuit consists of a resistor, an inductor and a capacitor. All these electrical elements are connected in a series. The input voltage applied to this circuit is V volts and the current flowing through the circuit is i Amps.



By comparing Equation 1 and Equation 3, we will get the analogous quantities of the translational mechanical system and electrical system. The following table shows these analogous quantities.

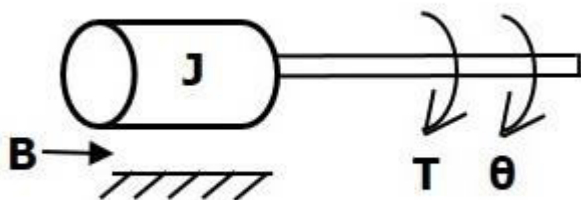
Translational Mechanical System	Electrical System
Force(F)	Voltage(V)
Mass(M)	Inductance(L)
Frictional Coefficient(B)	Resistance(R)
Spring Constant(K)	Reciprocal of Capacitance ($1/c$)
Displacement(x)	Charge(q)
Velocity(v)	Current(i)

Similarly, there is torque voltage analogy for rotational mechanical systems. Let us now discuss about this analogy.

Torque Voltage Analogy

In this analogy, the mathematical equations of **rotational mechanical system** are compared with mesh equations of the electrical system.

Rotational mechanical system is shown in the following figure.



By comparing Equation 4 and Equation 3, we will get the analogous quantities of rotational mechanical system and electrical system. The following table shows these analogous quantities.

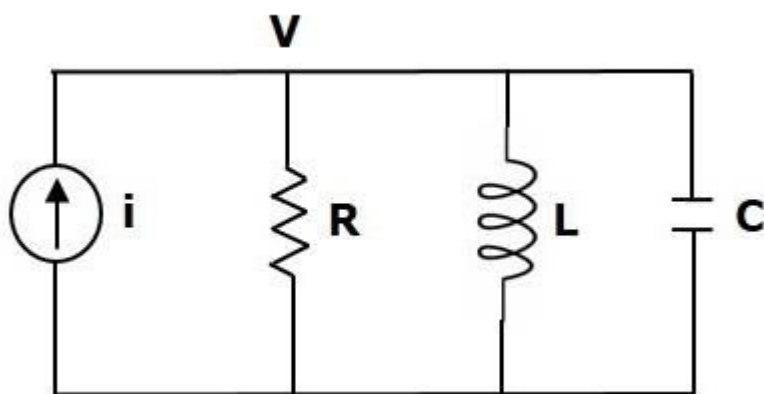
Rotational Mechanical System	Electrical System
Torque(T)	Voltage(V)
Moment of Inertia(J)	Inductance(L)
Rotational friction coefficient(B)	Resistance(R)
Torsional spring constant(K)	Reciprocal of Capacitance ($1/c$)
Angular Displacement(θ)	Charge(q)

Angular Velocity(ω)	Current(i)
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Force Current Analogy

In force current analogy, the mathematical equations of the **translational mechanical system** are compared with the nodal equations of the electrical system.

Consider the following electrical system as shown in the following figure. This circuit consists of current source, resistor, inductor and capacitor. All these electrical elements are connected in parallel.



By comparing Equation 1 and Equation 6, we will get the analogous quantities of the translational mechanical system and electrical system. The following table shows these analogous quantities.

Translational Mechanical System	Electrical System
Force(F)	Current(i)
Mass(M)	Capacitance(C)
Frictional coefficient(B)	Reciprocal of Resistance($1/R$)
Spring constant(K)	Reciprocal of Inductance($1/L$)
Displacement(x)	Magnetic Flux(ψ)
Velocity(v)	Voltage(V)

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Rotational Mechanical System	Electrical System
Torque(T)	Current(i)
Moment of inertia(J)	Capacitance(C)
Rotational friction coefficient(B)	Reciprocal of Resistance($1/R$)
Torsional spring constant(K)	Reciprocal of Inductance($1/L$)
Angular displacement(θ)	Magnetic flux(ψ)
Angular velocity(ω)	Voltage(V)

In this chapter, we discussed the electrical analogies of the mechanical systems. These analogies are helpful to study and analyze the non-electrical system like mechanical system from analogous electrical system.